Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 17 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Nov 2020 at 03:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for persistent rain on Tuesday and Wednesday. Lower confidence for the extent of rain in the east. High confidence for it turning very cold on Thursday with some snow showers to low level then warming up again on Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 17 Nov 2020: Very wet and windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 17 Nov 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
80%	70%	70%	90%	90%	90%

Forecast for Tuesday 17 Nov 2020

Weather: An area of rain will extend across most of the southern ranges bringing persistent heavy rain for much of the day with lighter more patchy rain in the north around Ben Assynt and Ben Hope. Low cloud will probably be a hazard for all ranges except the furthest north. Rain will continue into the evening and move north and will be accompanied by strong winds and gales.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the south 20% for most of the day with cloud bases around 3-400m. In the north there will be some cloud breaks especially in the morning 60%.

Visibility: For most areas visibility will be poor or even very poor at times in the rain, further north it will be moderate but even here it is likely to turn poor.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	36/43 SW	30/38 SW	26/36 SW	28/38 SW	19/27 SW	20/28 S	36/49 S
900	34/41 SW	28/36 SW	24/33 SW	26/36 SW	19/26 SW	17/24 S	33/46 S
600	23/29 SW	20/28 SW	17/26 SW	19/29 SW	14/21 SW	11/18 S	24/36 S
300	5/29 SW	4/26 SW	5/24 SW	5/26 SW	5/20 SW	3/14 S	8/35 S
Glen	13/28 SW	10/24 SW	9/21 SW	9/23 SW	6/16 S	6/16 SE	16/35 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	7/0	6/0	6/0	6/0	5/0	6/1	7/1
900	7/2	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/2	7/2
600	9/5	8/4	8/4	8/4	8/4	8/5	9/5
300	10/9	10/9	10/8	10/9	9/8	9/8	11/10
Glen	12/9	12/10	12/10	12/10	11/10	12/11	13/10
Freezing Level*	2400m	2200m	2200m	1800m	1900m	2300m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Chance of gales on the hills. There will be a foehn effect on Tuesday with temperatures in the east around Glen Affric feeling very mild. Around the western ranges it will feel pretty cold in the persistent rain and gales. Some localised flooding may occur with some rivers reaching bankful after a day of persistent rain and very wet underfoot.

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Weather: The main area of rain will move north on Wednesday but another band of rain will push in from the west and spread east during the day. Rain will finally clear Skye and the far west around dusk. Freezing level will drop rapidly after this so it will begin to feel a lot cooler in the afternoon and any showers will turn wintry on the munro tops. Gales continuing at height but beginning to ease in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30 mph gusts 40-45mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the west 30% with bases around 4-500m and in the east 60% with patches of cloud around 6-700m. Later in the afternoon cloud will break and clear just before dusk.

Visibility: In the west it will be moderate or poor but further east visibility will be good. Visibility will improve just before dusk.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 falling to 3 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 falling to 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits falling to 1000m

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